IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Varsamis et al.

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Downhole Use

Examiner: Hughes, Scott A.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action made final August 10, 2006, please accept this preliminary amendment filed with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.